



Left to right: Dr. Harold B. Whiteman, Jr., Dr. Martha Lucas Pate, Dr. Anne Gary Taylor

Two Former Presidents Receive College's First Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Martha Lucas Pate and Dr. Anne Gary Taylor, two former presidents of Sweet Briar College, were honored at opening convocation this fall as the first recipients of the college's distinguished service award.

Fourth and fifth presidents of Sweet Briar and internationally renowned educators, Dr. Martha Lucas Pate of New York City served from 1946 until 1950 while Dr. Anne Gary Taylor of Alexandria, Va. held the post from 1950 to 1971. Both have lengthy lists of accomplishments in both national and international areas.

When Dr. Pate became president of Sweet Briar in 1946, she was one of the youngest college presidents in the nation at a time when only six women presided over college administrations.

She came to Sweet Briar from the associate deanship of Radcliffe College. Prior to that she had been associate professor of philosophy and dean of students at Westhampton College in Richmond.

During her years at Sweet Briar, Dr. Pate was extremely active in promoting international cooperation through education. She was vitally concerned with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and was attending a lengthy meeting of that organization in Paris as the official U.S. delegate

when her resignation as SBC president was announced. Her husband, Maurice, was the founder of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

It was during her administration that Sweet Briar took over the Junior Year in France Program from the University of Delaware. Many regard this as a very farsighted achievement which has led to prestigious recognition for the college in the area of international education.

Dr. Pate received her A.B. from Goucher College, her M.A. from George Washington University, and her Ph.D. from the University of London. While at Sweet Briar she taught philosophy of religion.

Currently, Dr. Pate is on the U.S. State Department's Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs and also the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

She serves as board director of the Foreign Policy Association, the United Negro College Fund, Recording for the Blind, and is a board member of the Fund for Peace, New York Medical College, Westchester Medical Center Foundation, New York (graduate) School of Psychiatry, Long Island University, Council on Religion and International Affairs, Fund for Theological

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Pioneer Program In International Environmental Studies

Sweet Briar College has been awarded a grant by the Office of Health, Education and Welfare for the continuation of its pioneer project in international environmental studies.

It is one of only 11 colleges nationally to be selected from hundreds of applicants to develop such a program in the international dimension of ecology at the undergraduate level.

The project has been awarded a total of more than \$47,000 during its two year tenure at Sweet Briar.

The international program tackles environmental problems on a global scale and seeks to increase a student's sensitivity to the interdependence of environmental issues and the resulting need for international cooperation and control of the environment.

Dr. Milan Hapala, project director and Carter Glass Professor of Government, explained that "Sweet Briar's participation in this task will enrich its liberal arts program by developing among its students a sense of responsibility for belonging to a world community.

"We believe," he continued, "that there will be an increasing need for citizens who are not only sensitive to a threatened environment but who also understand the interrelationships of its many facets such as the availability and use of energy, the growth and distribution of human population, the economic costs of both environmental degradation and protection, and the effectiveness and limitations of national and international law.

Among the activities slated for the project's second year is the preparation next summer of case studies of environmental situations in Amherst County and the surrounding area.

These will be the first in a series of case studies designed to serve as a basis for comparison with environmental situations in other parts of the world.

Specific topics for the case studies have not yet been decided upon, according to Dr. Hapala but could include: the impact of the fuel crisis on various activities in Amherst

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Education, Inc., Pierce College (of Greece), Goucher College and Georgetown University.

The Columbia University School of Social Work and the United Hospital Fund of New York both have Dr. Pate on their advisory councils. Her many honors range from Phi Beta Kappa to the French Legion of Honor.

The greatest growth of the physical plant at Sweet Briar since its early days took place under the administration of Dr. Taylor. Among the additions were two residence halls, the Babcock Fine Arts Center, Guion Science Building, the Dana Wing of the Library, Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel, the Book Shop, 12 faculty houses, and the Wailes Center.

Under her leadership, endowment of the college rose more than six-fold to \$6.4 million. Voluntary support from alumnae increased from \$19,000 in her first year to \$503,000 at the close of her tenure.

Always concerned with the quality of the faculty, Dr. Taylor not only increased its number by more than 30 per cent, but, in the last decade of her administration, doubled faculty salaries "to hold good teachers and attract others of like calibre."

Dr. Taylor received her A.B. from Barnard College and earned her D. Phil. at Oxford University. Prior to becoming president of Sweet Briar, she

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served as dean of the faculty at Goucher College.

She has served as president of the American Association of University Women, a member of the Fulbright Awards Committee, a trustee of Barnard College, member of the Ford International Fellowship Board, and trustee of the College Entrance Examination Board among others.

Currently, Dr. Taylor is a member of the boards of the Women's College of Duke University, Chatham Hall School, Virginia Federation of Independent Colleges, Foxcroft School, as well as serving as a member of the Governor's Commission Reorganization State Government of Virginia and as a consultant to the Title IV Advisory Commission, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Among her many international endeavors, Dr. Taylor went to India in 1963 as one of four educational administrators to arrange for the establishment of a four-year U.S.-India woman's college exchange program financed by the State Department.

The Sweet Briar College Distinguished Service Award was created to recognize outstanding contributions to world betterment by members of the "greater Sweet Briar community." The award itself consists of a bronze sculpture, an abstract feminine form, created by sculptor Tom Griscom of Nashville, Tenn. whose daughter is a junior at Sweet Briar. The figure stands just over seven inches high and rests on an ebony base.

Freshman Class Enrolls Two National Merit Scholars

Two hundred thirty-nine students enrolled in Sweet Briar's freshman class this fall. Almost half of them are graduates of public high schools with 56% of the total class being graduates in the upper two fifths of their classes. Thirteen percent graduated in the top ten percent. Nine of them completed high school in three years.

Sweet Briar is especially proud to number two National Merit Scholars among the freshman class. Lyle C. Fromme comes to Sweet Briar from Springfield, Oregon. Phyllis Shelton is a resident of Portsmouth, Virginia.

The Class of 1979 represents 31 states and the District of Columbia and 12 foreign countries. Many of them are part of a family tradition at Sweet Briar as they are daughters, granddaughters and sisters of alumnae and present students.

Kenan Grant to Aid Faculty

Sweet Briar College received a grant of \$300,000 from the William R. Kenan, Jr., Charitable Trust in June of this year.

The funds from this grant were added to the endowment fund with the annual returns of the principal being used for faculty enrichment at the discretion of President Harold Whiteman.

In making the grant, the trustees of the Kenan Trust stated their objective as "to provide support and encouragement to a fine, moderate-sized liberal arts college where modern academic programs, excellence in teaching and sincere interest in students offer well-balanced education of quality and strength."

This trust was established in 1965 through the will of industrialist Kenan. Annual grants totaling several million dollars, are made to "well-established institutions with proven reputations." For the enhancement of the learning process through emphasis on excellence in teaching.

When accepting the grant, President Harold B. Whiteman said, "Although we have not made final plans—we are thinking of creating Kenan Fellowships for our faculty in the middle ranks to assist them in a year of post-doctoral study and teaching in a large university setting. Such an experience should produce very beneficial effects on their teaching here."



It's puzzling. She's not the sort from whom one would ever expect a crossword. But for Jill Howell, a history major at Sweet Briar and a native of Jacksonville, Fla., crossword puzzles are a prime avocation. She has just designed and published her fifth book of puzzles in conjunction with her former high school history teacher who got her interested in the idea. Her latest book is a bicentennial issue, "History of America—Crossword Puzzles." Miss Howell, a junior at Sweet Briar, wants to teach history or do research following her graduation. In the meantime, after academic pursuits and crossword puzzles, she is a sports enthusiast. She is also looking ahead to her next book—this time on geography.

Belle Boone Beard Honored in D.C.

Dr. Belle Boone Beard, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Director of Centenarian Research at Sweet Briar, was recently honored at a banquet in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Retired Teachers Association as part of their observance of International Women's Year.

She is one of 23 Americans to receive this honor in recognition for "stimulating greater awareness of the continuing contributions and concerns of older women in our society."

During her long career Dr. Beard has served as a public official, educator, lecturer and writer. She has presented five papers to international gerontological conferences and spoken to several others in the United States. Dr. Beard has contributed more than 50 articles to professional journals.

As a visiting professor and lecturer, Dr. Beard has traveled to many universities and colleges including Vanderbilt University, Fisk University, Peabody University and Scarrett College. She was a Fulbright lecturer in Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines and has done research at the University of Georgia and Lynchburg College as a member of the faculty.

Dr. Beard has collected more data on centenarians than any other living person. Her master file contains the names of more than 8,500 centenarians, contributed to by researchers and gerontologists throughout the world. Dr. Beard has traveled extensively in her research and talked personally with countless centenarians. She is currently organizing her data and writing a book on her findings.

Pioneer Program, *cont.*

County (such as agriculture, industry, housekeeping); history of one-crop farms in the county; impact of inflation on household food budgets, diets, and gardening within the county; marketing of agricultural products grown in Amherst County; a history of the county's water resources; and a history of land use regulation within the county.

Also new in the second year is a course entitled "International Control of the Environment." The course will examine the global environmental problems of the United Nations and of specialized international agencies including the World Health Organization (disease, population expansion, pollution), the International Energy Agency (nuclear controls, atomic waste disposal, heat pollution), the Food and Agricultural Organization (food availability, population increase, pesticide pollution, fishery pollution by heavy met-



A new collection of books on photography for the Library's collection was made possible by a gift from Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Hampden-Sydney College in memory of Christie Ann Scordas, '78, of Roanoke, Virginia. The collection is important in expanding the Library's holdings in an area which has drawn increasing interest from students at Sweet Briar. The college began offering photography in the department of studio art three years ago. The demand for the introductory course is so great that only about 25 per cent of those who sign up for the course can be admitted due to space limitations. Photography as a fine art is commanding increasingly strong attention throughout this country and abroad.

tals), and the International Telecommunication Union (radio spectrum conservation and management, spectrum use in outer space).

A second offering of the course, "Environmental Issues: An International Perspective," will be forthcoming with the addition of guest speakers, panel discussions and a symposium. The course is interdisciplinary and integrates the perspectives of history, economics, political science, sociology, geography, biology and physics.

The symposium is scheduled for two days and is tentatively set to deal with views on the concept of zero growth in a capitalist economy, a socialist economy, a technological society, and a third world society.

The symposium will be open to the public and an effort will be made to attract students from other institutions as well as local representatives of such interest groups as industry, government and agriculture.

A spokesman for the college pointed to the broad interdisciplinary facets of the program and emphasized the strengths which a liberal arts college can focus on such a study. "The problems are broad-based," he said, "and in many ways most suited to analytical study by and through the liberal arts curriculum. We are most happy that they are being studied at Sweet Briar," he concluded.

The international environmental studies program is an outgrowth of a program in environmental studies begun three years ago at Sweet Briar which offers a coordinate major in the field.

Cherrio! London is for Alumnae in Winter Term

Two Winter Term courses are being opened to alumnae on a non-credit basis. The courses, both of which will be taught in London, are: "The London Theatre" and "London of the Tudors, Stuarts, and Georges."

The latter, being offered by the departments of history and art history, will concentrate on the changes in the city between the 15th and 19th centuries by studying historical events, styles in architecture and painting, and, if possible, theatrical productions.

"The London Theatre" will involve seeing and discussing approximately 12 plays and meeting with performers, directors, and other theatre professionals. There will also be tours to places of theatrical and historical interest.

Both courses run from Jan. 1-21. The program fee for each is approximately \$600 not including air fare and meals; total cost will probably be about \$1,300 which includes a double-occupancy room with bath at the Penta Hotel.

Details may be obtained by writing Dr. Aileen Laing for "London of the Tudors, Stuarts, and Georges" or Dr. Ralph Aiken for "The London Theatre." A deposit of \$75 will be due by Nov. 15 with full fee payable by the end of November.

Campus Notes

Sweet Briar faculty were involved in a wide range of activities this summer.

Dr. John P. Daughtry, assistant professor of mathematics, attended a conference at Bucknell University (Pa.)

Dr. Ernest P. Edwards, noted ornithologist and biology professor taught two field seminars in ornithology at Cornell University of New York. He later traveled in Mexico continuing research for his forthcoming book on Central American birds.

Charles A. Dana Professor of Spanish **Dr. Maria Z. Embeita** read a paper at the Institute de Cultura Hispana in Spain.

Dr. Milan E. Hapala, Carter Glass Professor of Government, served as an associate of the Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe at the University of Illinois. He was also honored by Beloit College where he received a "Distinguished Service Citation."

Dr. Allen W. Huszti, assistant professor of music, attended the Baroque Performance Institute at Oberlin College in Ohio. He was also a participant in the Ogelbay Institute Opera workshop at West Liberty State College in West Virginia.

Under an endowment from the National Endowment for the Humanities, **Dr. Aileen H. Laing** assistant professor

of art history, prepared a slide-tape lecture project for the European Civilization program at Sweet Briar.

Miss Katherine McDonald, professor of physical education, attended the National Golf Foundation Seminar for Teachers and Coaches of Golf at Longwood College.

Dr. Robert G. Marshall, director of the Sweet Briar Junior Year in France program, traveled to France to manage the JYF office for the summer and prepare for the arrival of the 1975-76 group of students in Paris.

Dr. Michael D. Richards, associate professor of history, spent the summer working on his biography of Stalin for the Barron Educational Series, Inc. and traveled to Los Angeles to participate in an educator's seminar at the University of California under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Sweet Briar Chaplain **The Rev. Frederick Schumacher** attended a series of lectures and seminars at the summer session of the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia.

Dr. Viola H. Winner, professor of English, traveled to London to continue her research on the British caricaturist Richard Doyle for a forthcoming publication.

Miss Lucile Umbreit, professor of music, will be listed in the third edition of the *World Who's Who of Wo-*

men in 1976. She has been listed in the *Who's Who of American Women* ever since and including the first edition.

President Whiteman, Julia Jacobsen, and **Ann McCarry** recently attended the first Women's College Coalition conference in Washington, D.C., Sept. 23-24.

Dr. Joan Marter, assistant professor of art history, delivered a paper on "Alexander Calder and American Modernists of the 1920's" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern College Art Conference at the University of West Florida, Oct. 24-25. She helped prepare a catalogue for contemporary art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. She also did research on the early sculpture of Alexander Calder while in New York.

Dr. Jane Perry-Camp, assistant professor of music, participated in the Peabody Conservatory of Music Piano Master Class during June in Baltimore. She also read a paper, "Time and Temporal Proportion: The Golden Section Metaphor in Mozart Music and History," April 18 at the American Musicological Society, Southern Chapter meeting at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss.

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